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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

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1. Preliminary Amendment; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

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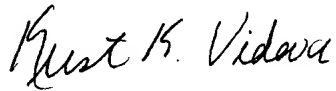
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Respectfully submitted,

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